

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: B. Fubara                      Group Art Unit: 1615  
Re:    Application of:                      Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.  
Serial No.:                                  09/726, 193  
Filed:    November 29, 2000  
For:    **CONTROLLED RELEASE METFORMIN  
FORMULATIONS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 2, 2004

Sir:

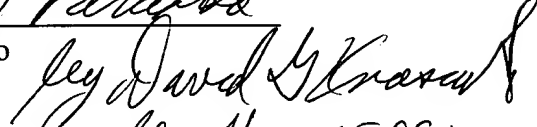
Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004 for three (3) months from April 2, 2004 to July 2, 2004.

A check for \$950.00 covering the three (3) months extension fee is enclosed. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,  
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